

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are now pending in the application with claims 20-29 having been previously withdrawn. Claims 5, 11-13, 18, 19, 30, 34, and 36 are currently amended. Claims 1-4 and 35 are cancelled. No claims are added as new. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 35 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has cancelled claim 35, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wells et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,328,153; "Wells"). Applicant has cancelled claims 1-4, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 5-19, 30-34, and 36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 5, 11-13, 18, 19, 30, 34, and 36 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 5-19, 30-34, and 36 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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